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no change to be made in the charge for failure to pay bills promptly and no change to be made in the policy of servicing on consumers' premises.

Councilmen Bartholomew moved, seconded by Councilman Gillis, that, upon the recommendation of the City's Engineer, S. W. Freese, the rate reduction submitted by the **Texas** Public Service Company be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; mays, none.

Mayor Miller moved that the City Council formally express its appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Freese in working out a gas rate reduction in a highly satisfactory way, and also to the Texas Public Service Company for making this reduction, thereby saving the citizens of Austin several thousand dollars per year. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

There being no further business, upon motion of Councilman Wolf, seconded by Councilman Alford, the Council receased at 12:30 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor, by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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Austin, Texas, October 3, 1935.

The meeting was colled to order at 11:00 A. M., with Mayor Tom Miller presiding.

Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Chas. F. Alford, Simon Gillis, Mayor Tom Miller, and Councilman Oswald G. Wolf, 4; absent, Councilman C.M.Bartholomew, 1. The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

The request of Bob Lyles for permission to stretch a banner across Congress Avenue at 6th Street, advertising the Community Chest Drive, was referred to the City Manager.

Supt. A. N. McCallum and members of the School Board came before the Council and asked that an election be called for November 14 for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of \$350,000 City of Austin School Bonds, advising that the Federal Government had approved a PWA Grant, in the amount of \$286,363, for the project.

The City Attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance calling the election, to be passed at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Hart gave a demonstration of a device known as the Park-O-Meter, with a view to installing same on the streets of the city. The matter was referred to the City Manager The following report of the Board of Equalization was received and filed:

"Austin, Texas, September 28, 1935.

The Honorable Mayor & City Council City of Austin Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

We, the Board of Equalization for the year 1935, submit our report herewith of the work accomplished this year.

The Board convened August 5, 1935, and adjourned as of this date, September 28,1935, We have checked all of the assessments on the records of the Tax Department. There were submitted to us about 2,000 items representing changes in valuations due to new buildings or alterations, and changes in personal property subject to taxation for the year 1935. Of this number, approximately 650 protests were made to the Board, and in every instance that we were requested to do so, the property was inspected. In the majority of these cases an agreement was reached that was satisfactory to both the property owner and the Board. A few changes in valuations were made, but not many. In all probability there will be a few appeals to the City Council by property owners who were not satisfied with the action of the Board, but we anticipate that these appeals will be fewer in number than ever before. before.

As has been the policy heretofore, the Board will convene about the first of December, 1935, for the purpose of making inspections of, and placing valuations on, all new construct-ion. Due to the fact that there has been more building during this year than usual, there will be more of this type of work for the Board to do than has generally been the case.

In closing, we wish to extend our thanks to the Tax Department for its cooperation at all times when requested to assist us, and to express our appreciation of the confidence placed in us by your honorable body in appointing us to serve on this Board of Equalization.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

(Sgd) K. R. Meyer, Chairman

John B. Pearson

11 J. B. Webb.

Councilman Wolf offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the sum of \$50.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of refunding taxicab licenses illegally collected by City of Anstin as follows: Nos. 217 and 218, issued May 6, 1918, on which \$12.50 each was collected, and Nos. 50 and 51, issued February 27, 1919, on which \$12.50 each was collected- all in the name of J. C. Cooper, to whom this refund is made.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; nays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1.

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Councilman Wolf offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists within the City limits of the City of Austin a street 30 feet in width lying south of and contiguous to Lot 12 and Reserve "A" of Enfield E, and Lots 1, 2, and 3, of Enfield C, according to a map or plat of said Enfield E appearing in Book 3, at pages 180 and 181, and according to a map or plat of said Enfield C appearing in Book 3, at page 106, of the Plat Records on file with the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, the west portion of which 30 foot street is more clearly shown upon the aforesaid plat of Enfield E and which 30 foot street extends from a bend in Palma Plaza easterly approximately one block to West Lynn Street; and

WHEREAS, said 30 foot street has never been officially named; and

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WHEREAS, same has been locally called West 12} Street and has resulted in confusion due to the fact that said street is the second street north of West 12th Street and should not be called West 121 Street; and

WHEREAS, much confusion exists among public records and among delivery service in general when streets are not systematically named; therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT that certain street 30 feet in width lying south of and contiguous to Lot 12 and Reserve "A" of Enfield E, and Lota 1, 2, and 3 of Enfield C, according to a map or plat of Enfield E appearing in Book 3, at pages 180 and 181, and according to a map or plat of Enfield C appearing in Book 3, at page 106, of the Plat Records on file with the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, which 30 foot street extends from a bend in Palma Plaza easterly approximately one block to West Lynn Street, shall be known and designated hereafter as "West 14th Street."

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; nays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1.

Councilman Gillis offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Texas Public Service Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in WEST TWENTY-FOURTH STREET, beginning at a point 8 feet south of and 34 feet west of the intersection of the north line of West 24th Street and the east line of Rio Grande Street;

Thence in an easterly direction with the centerline of a gas main, which centerline shall be 8 feet south of and parallel to the north line of said West 24th Street, for a distance of approximately one block to the east line of Seton Avenue.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 23 feet.

(2) A gas main in WEST TWENTY-FOURTH STREET from the east line of Seton Avenue to a point 22 feet west of the east line of San Antonio Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6% feet south of and parallel to the north line of said West 24th Street.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 22 feet.

(3) A regulator pit, size 7'x8', in WEST TWENTY-FOURTH STREET, the center of which regulator pit shall be 12 feet east of the east line of Rio Grande Street and 8 feet south of the north line of West 24th Street.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special

points. When the Texas Public Service Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the City Engineering Department not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

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THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchise granted to said Company by the City of Austin. The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; mays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1. Councilman Wolf offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the curb and sidewalk specifications of the City of Austin which have previously been adopted by the City Council of the City of Austin require that all curbs and sidewalks be constructed of concrete unless a special permit has been secured from the City Council of the City of Austin to construct curbs and sidewalks of other materials; and

WHEREAS, Sam Lichenstein, owner of Lot 10, Block 8, of Pemberton Heights, Section 2, within the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which Lot 10, Block 8, abuts the west side of Harris Boulevard at a location opposite Wathen Avenue intersection, has requested the City Council of the City of Austin to grant permission to construct a flagstone walk from the curb line to the property line on the west side of said Harris Boulevard at the above described property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin has investigated and approved the construction of said flagstone walk; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Sam Lichenstein, owner of Lot 10, Block 8, of Pemberton Heights, Section 2, which Lot 10, Block 8, abuts the west side of Harris Boulevard at a location opposite Wathen Avenue intersection, is hereby granted permission to construct a flagstone walk from the property line to the curb line at the above described location and said walk is to be constructed under the supervision and direction of the City Engineer of the City of Austin and in accordance with lines and grades furnished by the Engineering Department of the City of Austin, and further subject to the following conditions:

That the stone shall be laid in a smooth and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the sidewalk grades as furnished by the Engineering Department of the City of Austin in order that said flagstone walk will not create a hazard to pedestrians.

That the stone shall be placed upon a 4" concrete base and that all work within the City street area shall be done by a bonded sidewalk contractor.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; nays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1.

Councilman Wolf offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, J. R. Blackmore is the Contractor for the alteration of a building located at 805 Brazos Street and desires a portion of the sidewalk, street, and alley space abutting the south 37 feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 96 of the Original City of Austin,

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Texas, during the alteration of the building, such space to be used in the work and for

the storage of materials therefor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. That space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said J.R.Blackmore,

the boundary of which is described as follows:

## Sidewalk, Street and Alley Working Space

Beginning at the southwest corner of the above described property; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of said property a distance of 65 feet; thence in a southerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of the alley traversing Block 96 of the Original City of Austin, Texas, a distance of 6 feet; thence in a westerly direction and parallel with the center line of said alley a distance of 65 feet; thence in a northwesterly direction and at a 45° angle with the centerline of said alley a distance to a point & feet west of the east curb line of Brazos Street; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the centerline of Brazos Street a distance to a point 37 feet north of the north line of said alley; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Brazos Street a distance to the east line of Brazos Street; thence in a southerly direction along the east line of Brazos Street to the place of the beginning.

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J. R. Blackmore, hereinafter termed "Contractor," upon the following express terms and conditions:

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(1) That the Contractor shall construct a 4 foot walkway, protected on each side by guard rails at least 4 feet high and substantially braced and anchored, through the above described street working space, and shall construct a 4 foot guard rail around the balance of the street, sidewalk, and alley working spaces.

(2) That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such guard rail.

(3) That provision shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter, and the Contractor will be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm waters.

(4) That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness.

(5) That the Contractor is permitted to construct a temporary work office within such allotted working space, provided such work office is not within 25 feet of any corner street intersection.

(6) That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials, and other obstructions on the sidewalk, street, and alley immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk, street, or alley has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment, and other obstructions shall be removed not later than December 31, 1935.

(7) That the Contractor shall restore all public and private property injured during the use of such space to as good condition as the same existed before the use of such space began.

(8) That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.

(9) That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims for damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin, and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement, and all other public property and public

utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work, and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; nays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1. Councilman Wolf offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Carl E. Quick is the Contractor for the alteration of a building located at 311 West 16th Street, and desires a portion of the sidewalk space abutting Lot 12, Block 38, Division "E" of the City of Austin, Texas, during the alteration of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. That space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said Carl E.Quick,

the boundary of which is described as follows:

## Bidewalk Working Space

Beginning at the northeast corner of the above described lot; thence in a northerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of West 16th Street a distance of 6 feet; thence in a westerly direction and parallel with the centerline of West 16th Street a distance of 54.5 feet; thence in a southerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of West 16th Street a distance to the south line of West 16th Street; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of West 16th Street to the beginning.

2. That the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to said Carl E.Quick, hereinefter termed "Contractor," upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1) That the Contractor shall construct a guard rail at least 4 feet high and substantially braced and anchored, around the above described working space.

(2) That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such guard rail.

(3) That provision shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter, and the Contractor will be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm waters.

(4) That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness.

(5) That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials, and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment, and other obstructions shall be removed not later than October 15, 1935.

(6) That the Contractor shall restore all public and private property injured during the use of such space to as good condition as the same existed before the use of such space began.

(7) That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.

(8) That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims for damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin, and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement, and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work, and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other

safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; nays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1.

Councilman Gillis moved that, upon the recommendation of Roy J. Smith, Sergeant of Police, Traffic Division, the following named persons be granted Taxicab Drivers Permits: Jesse Lee Parks, 306 East 2nd Street; James M. Velasquez, 1908 Holly Street; B. T. Riley, 200 Brazos Street; and Newton Allen Ayers, 123 East 30th Street. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; nays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1.

There being no further business, Councilman Alford moved to recess, subject to call of the Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 4; nays, none; Councilman Bartholomew absent, 1. Affregt: Maller, City Clerk Approved

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